

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1           **Claim 1 (Original):** A storage-based digital broadcast  
2           system wherein contents transmitted from a sending side are  
3           stored on a receiving side then reproduced, characterized in that  
4           the sending side transmits service structure information  
5           describing the relational structure between services provided by  
6           contents providers and reference information associating the  
7           contents with the services described in said service structure  
8           information, and that  
9           the receiving side uses said received service structure  
10          information and reference information to manage the storage of  
11          said contents.

1           **Claim 2 (Original):** A storage-based broadcast system  
2           according to claim 1, characterized in that the sending side  
3           transmits said service structure information and reference  
4           information before transmission of said contents and that the  
5           receiving side receives and stores said service structure  
6           information and reference information and uses the information  
7           for management of the storage of contents to be received later.

1           **Claim 3 (Original):** A storage-based broadcast system  
2           according to claim 1, characterized in that the sending side  
3           transmits said reference information before transmission of said

4 contents and transmits said service structure information after  
5 transmission of said contents and that the receiving side  
6 combines said reference information that has been stored and said  
7 service structure information that has been received later and  
8 uses the information for management of the storage of said  
9 contents.

1 **Claim 4 (Original):** A storage-based broadcast system  
2 according to claim 1, characterized in that said contents  
3 contains non-stream format data contents.

1 **Claim 5 (Currently amended):** A storage-based broadcast  
2 system according to claim 1 or 4, characterized in that said  
3 contents contains a stream format AV data and that said AV data  
4 is converted to file format on the receiving side and stored as  
5 AV contents.

1 **Claim 6 (Original):** A storage-based broadcast system  
2 according to claim 1, characterized in that said service  
3 structure information is transmitted via SI (Service  
4 Information).

1 **Claim 7 (Currently amended):** A storage-based broadcast  
2 system according to claim 4, characterized in that said service  
3 structure information is transmitted as said SI by using the ERT  
4 (Event Relation Table).

1 **Claim 8 (Original):** A storage-based broadcast system

2 according to claim 1, characterized in that the type information  
3 for representing the meaning of the service structure information  
4 and for selecting the operation on the receiving side is appended  
5 to said service structure information.

1 Claim 9 (Original): A storage-based broadcast system  
2 according to claim 1, characterized in that said reference  
3 information is transmitted via SI.

1 Claim 10 (Original): A storage-based broadcast system  
2 according to claim 9, characterized in that said reference  
3 information is transmitted as said SI by using a reference  
4 descriptor.

1 Claim 11 (Original): A storage-based broadcast system  
2 according to claim 1, characterized in that said receiving side  
3 exclusively manages the storage areas of said contents per  
4 service.

1 Claim 12 (Original): A storage-based broadcast system  
2 according to claim 1, characterized in that said receiving side  
3 manages the validity term of stored contents per service.

1 Claim 13 (Original): A storage-based broadcast system  
2 according to claim 1, characterized in that said receiving side  
3 manages the value of stored contents per service.

1 Claim 14 (Original): A storage-based broadcast system

2 according to claim 1, characterized in that said sending side  
3 specifies a particular service in said service structure  
4 information and that the receiving side performs processing  
5 tailored to the contents related to the specified service.

1 **Claim 15 (Original):** A storage-based broadcast system  
2 according to claim 1, characterized in that said receiving side  
3 specifies a service in said service structure information and  
4 stores only the contents related to the specified service.

1 **Claim 16 (Original):** A storage-based broadcast system  
2 according to claim 1, characterized in that said sending side  
3 appends an automatic storage flag to contents in said reference  
4 information and that the receiving side stores or updates the  
5 contents with said automatic storage flag appended.

1 **Claim 17 (Original):** A storage-based broadcast system  
2 according to claim 1, characterized in that said sending side  
3 appends an automatic storage flag to contents in said reference  
4 information and specifies a particular service in said service  
5 structure information and that the receiving side automatically  
6 stores or updates the contents with said automatic storage flag  
7 appended among the contents related to the specified service.

1 **Claim 18 (Original):** A storage-based broadcast system  
2 according to claim 1, characterized in that said sending side  
3 appends an automatic storage flag to contents in said reference  
4 information and that said receiving side specifies a service in

5       said service structure information and automatically stores or  
6       updates the contents with said automatic storage flag appended  
7       among the contents related to the specified service.

1           **Claim 19 (Original):** A storage-based broadcast system  
2       according to claim 16, 17 or 18, characterized in that said  
3       automatic storage flag is transmitted via SI.

1           **Claim 20 (Original):** A storage-based broadcast system  
2       according to claim 19, characterized in that an EIT (Event  
3       Information Table) is used to transmit said automatic storage  
4       flag as said SI.

1           **Claim 21 (Original):** A storage-based broadcast system  
2       according to claim 1, characterized in that said sending side  
3       specifies the relationship between the same contents in said  
4       service structure information and that said receiving side avoids  
5       duplicated storage of the same contents based on said service  
6       structure information.

1           **Claim 22 (Currently amended):** A transmitter of a storage-  
2       based digital broadcast system wherein contents transmitted from  
3       a sending side are stored on a receiving side then reproduced,  
4       characterized in that said transmitter comprises  
5           service structure information generating means for  
6       generating service structure information representing a  
7       relational structure between services provided by contents  
8       providers,

9           reference information generating means ~~fir~~ for generating  
10   reference information for associating the contents with the  
11   service described in said service structure information,  
12           service information adding means for adding said reference  
13   information to service information, and  
14           multiplexing/transmission means for multiplexing service  
15   information containing said reference information and said  
16   service structure information into contents and transmitting the  
17   resulting data.

1           **Claim 23 (Original):** A receiver of a storage-based digital  
2   broadcast system wherein contents transmitted from a sending side  
3   are stored on a receiving side then reproduced, characterized in  
4   that said receiver comprises

5           receiving/demultiplexing means for demultiplexing contents,  
6   service structure information describing the relational structure  
7   between services provided by contents providers and service  
8   information containing reference information associating contents  
9   with the service described in said service structure information  
10   from received signals,

11           contents storage means for storing demultiplexed contents,  
12           service structure storage means for storing demultiplexed  
13   service structure information,

14           service information storage means for storing said  
15   demultiplexed service information, and

16           service management means for managing storage of said  
17   contents by using service structure information and reference  
18   information.

1           **Claim 24 (Original):** A receiver according to claim 23,  
2       characterized in that said receiver comprises automatic storage  
3       management means for managing automatic storage of contents in  
4       said contents storage means based on the automatic storage flag  
5       appended to said service information.